



# Company Commanders Course, Phase I

**MODULE 2** 

**Authority for Commanders** 

## **Enabling Learning Objective**

Participants will learn what Command Authority is, what it means for a Company Commander and what Delegation of Authority means.

#### Module Schedule

- 10\_MINUTES
- 1 Min. Authority
- 2 Min. Command Authority
- 2 Min. General Military Authority
- 2 Min. Delegated Authority
- 2 Min. Limitations
- 1 Min. Module Review
- Questions

#### **AUTHORITY**

- The legitimate power of leaders to direct subordinates or to take action within the scope of their positions.
- US Constitution=President / Congress
- Constitution of VA=Governor / General Assembly
- Secretary of Public Safety
- TAG

#### **COMMAND AUTHORITY**

- Lawful authority
- Responsibility for resources
- Organize, Direct, Coordinate, Employ and Control forces
- Health, Welfare, Morale, and Discipline
- Originates with Governor
- Command-Designated positions

### GENERAL MILITARY AUTHORITY

- Oaths of Office, Law, Rank Structure, Traditions, and Regulations
- Corrective Actions: Good Order & Discipline
- All Leaders
- NCO Authority over Orders

#### **DELIGATED AUTHORITY**

- Span of Control
- Further Delegation
- To meet Organizational Goals
- Attached to Mission Assignments

#### LIMITATIONS

- State vs Federal
- VDF vs ARNG & ANG
- Limited to the delegating authority
- Scope of Missions / Assignments
- Limited by law and regulation

#### **Module Review**

What is Command Authority?

What is General Military Authority?

Why does Delegated Authority exist?

What are the limitations on Authority?

